APPOINTMENT OF A NON-OFFICIAL PRESIDENT FOR THE TRIVANDRUM MUNICIPALITY.

27. MR. M. NILAKANDA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the delay in allowing the Trivandrum Municipal Council to elect a non-official President for that municipality as promised by them?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The matter is still under correspondence.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AS BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT TALUKS IN THE STATE.

28. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) the number of miles of road in the Shertallai taluk;

(2) the number of miles of road in each of the other taluks in the State;

(3) the amount of money yearly spent for public roads in each taluk in the State for the last ten years; and

(4) the proportion that the expenditure on roads in each taluk bears to its revenue, area and population?

(*b*) Do the Government recognise the fact that although, owing to natural causes, means of communication is very backward and difficult in Shertallai, yet Shertallai, of all taluks in the State, has the least length of roads in spite of its being one of the richest, most extensive and most populous taluks?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) (1) to (4) The appended statement* gives the necessary information, as far as it is available for 1096. Talukwar figures of revenue are not available. It is not feasible to furnish the statistics required for the past 10 years.

(*b*) The statement laid on the table will show that there are other taluks which have a shorter mileage of roads than Shertallai.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Am I to understand that it is not possible for the taluk authorities to furnish figures relating to the revenue of each taluk?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: It is not possible to obtain separate figures for the several taluks. Land revenue figures may be available, but not figures for other items.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state which are the 23 miles of metalled roads referred to in the appended statement relating to the Shertallai taluk?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I want notice of that question.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state which are the 88 miles of village roads?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Information will be called for.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state which are the metalled roads in the taluk?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: That information will also be called for.

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APPENDIX.

[*Vide* ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 28.]

Statement showing the mileage of roads and the expenditure thereon in the different taluks of the State in 1096.

Serial No.	Name of taluk.	Main roads.	Village roads.	Traces.	Forest roads.	Planters' roads.	Total approximate maintenance expenditure for 1096.	Special repairs and original works for 1096.	Total.	Area in square miles.	Expenditure per square mile.	Population according to the Census of 1921.	Expenditure per head.
		Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1	Tovala	75	..	40·50	..	9	19,342	8,420	27,762	139·85	198	34,541	·8
2	Agastisvaram	110	..	..	..	..	24,640	39,182	63,822	93·18	686	1,18,925	·5
3	Eraniel	112	0·37	3·00	..	..	25,135	26,489	51,624	99·82	516	1,50,209	·3
4	Kalkulam	107	8·25	11·25	..	..	24,287	8,471	32,758	176·65	185	85,240	·4
5	Vilavankod	62	10·12	23·56	..	..	14,406	4,697	19,103	137·00	139	1,05,210	·2
6	Neyyattinkara	153	2·12	28·00	..	..	34,680	8,202	42,882	233·35	184	2,17,529	·2
7	Trivandrum	164	4·00	19·27	..	..	37,070	24,325	61,395	97·26	632	1,75,466	·3
8	Nedumangad	142	..	66·50	..	26·75	39,196	18,987	58,183	366·04	159	1,12,111	·5
9	Chirayinkil	86	11·00	25·25	..	..	19,823	6,507	26,330	146·50	179	1,57,142	·2
10	Quilon	108	73·00	..	..	..	25,725	26,399	52,124	147·41	354	1,96,511	·3
11	Kunnattur	77	66·00	..	..	..	18,634	13,087	31,721	171·49	185	1,09,574	·3
12	Karunagapalli	32	54·75	..	..	..	8,317	14,796	23,113	88·99	259	1,54,537	·1
13	Kartikapalli	14	37·50	..	..	..	3,923	526	4,449	74·26	60	1,20,729	·04
14	Mavelikara	67	69·00	..	..	..	16,457	25,325	41,782	111·43	376	1,45,501	·3
15	Chengannur	36	62·00	..	..	27·00	15,414	79,041	94,455	79·32	195	1,08,061	·9
16	Pattanamtitta	25	38·75	..	..	15·00	9,763	10,799	20562	877·21	23	87,891	·2
17	Tiruvalla	65	10·38	..	..	..	14,778	31,344	46,122	140·82	327	1,65,811	·3
18	Ambalapuzha	35	3·00	..	..	..	7,903	5,541	13,444	115·74	116	1,27,019	·1
19	Kottarakara	87	63·00	..	..	..	20,811	1,732	22,543	202·03	111	1,08,753	·2
20	Pattanapuram	102	55·00	3·00	..	..	24,042	38,869	62,911	425·67	147	73,570	·8
21	Shenkottah	67	22·12	11·12	..	9·00	17,632	11,406	29,038	129·14	225	44,650	·7
22	Shertallai	23	88·37	..	..	..	7,007	11,876	18,883	122·38	155	1,73,081	·1
23	Vaikam	35	64·05	4·50	..	..	9,243	15,642	24,885	135·20	184	1,24,176	·2
24	Ettumanur	50	7·00	16·62	..	..	11,413	6,290	17,703	123·59	142	1,09,369	·2
25	Kottayam	62	29·50	17·75	..	..	14,737	8,505	23,242	172·84	134	1,34,209	·2
26	Changanachery	61	20·00	·625	..	..	14,165	16,858	31,023	134·29	231	1,18,208	·3
27	Minachil	60	13·50	13·62	..	..	13,900	4,344	18,244	138·46	132	94,047	·2
28	Muvattupuzha	146	95·00	11·50	..	..	34,848	24,290	59,138	454·64	129	1,49,636	·4
29	Todupuzha	44	78·25	22·12	..	..	11,786	17,159	28,945	486·95	59	57,285	·5
30	Kunnatnad	65	98·50	14·75	..	..	16,820	8,832	25,652	293·88	87	1,29,465	·2
31	Alangad	47	86·62	5·25	..	..	12,415	4,879	17,294	127·34	136	1,21,721	·1
32	Parur	7	38·28	..	..	..	2,371	7,565	9,936	53·87	184	87,704	·1
33	Devicolam	99	22·75	176·52	..	..	25,048	31,332	56,380	667·02	84	32,895	1·6
34	Peermade	92	33·04	105·37	..	..	22,672	16,690	39,362	661·22	59	75,288	·5

MR. M. NILAKANDA PILLAI: I rise to a point of order. I thought I could put supplementary questions and get answers in respect of all the parts of question No. 23. I did not get any opportunity to do so.

PRESIDENT: You should have gone on asking your questions one after another. The Secretary to the Legislative Council waited for a sufficient length of time, and seeing that no further questions were forthcoming from you, he passed on to the next question.

MR. M. NILAKANDA PILLAI: I thought of putting some questions also, under the parts other than part (*a*).

PRESIDENT: I am sorry that you were not sufficiently on the alert. The Secretary to the Council was in order.

MR. N. KUMARAN: Sir, before we proceed to the business of the day, I should like to clear a doubt with respect to an item of procedure. The rules do not require that motions at the budget discussion stage should be seconded, but some doubt has arisen on that point.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR: The rules do not require that a motion relating to the voting of grants should be seconded.

PRESIDENT. Such motions need not be seconded.

The Council resumed the discussion on the demands for grants for 1098.

DEMAND FOR GRANTS.—(*contd.*)

Demand II—Taxes on Income.

PRESIDENT: The question is that a sum not exceeding Rs. '19 lakh *minus* Rs. 9,636 be granted under Demand II—Taxes on Income.

The grant was made.

Demand III—Salt.

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS: Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1·57 lakhs under Demand III—Salt.

***Motion* 23.**

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Sir, I beg to make the following motion:

23. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1·57 lakhs under Demand III by Rs. 75,000.

I do not wish to say anything against an indigenous industry such as our salt culture. What prompted me to make this motion is the provision in the budget for two or three items which, I believe, can either be avoided or at any rate be reduced.

The first is the provision of Rs. 36,000 for petty construction and repairs. The details for this are given in the form of a footnote:—Rs. 20,000 for construction of officers' quarters at Tamaracolam, Rs. 2,000 for construction of an office in Mr. Karayalar's new *allom*, and Rs. 10,000 for the completion of certain incomplete works connected with channels and bars.

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